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SUBJECT: VP MUBARAK STATEMENTS ON SYRIA

REF: A. KHARTOUM 2710 B. FBIS AMMAN JN 1923584, NOVEMBER

1. ALL PAPERS NOVEMBER 21 CARRY EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK'S STATEMENTS TO SUDANESE NEWS AGENCY (REFTEL A) TO EFFECT THAT US HAS GIVEN GUARANTEE AGAINST ISRAELI ATTACK ON SYRIA AND THAT SYRIA SHOULD NOT COUNT ON AUTOMATIC EGYPTIAN MILITARY SUPPORT IN EVENT OUTBREAK OF WAR ON GOLAN. NOVEMBER 20 PAPERS REPEATED MUBARAK'S CHARGE, ORIGINALLY CARRIED IN KUWAIT DAILY AL-SIYASSA NOVEMBER 19, THAT SYRIA AT FIRST ACCEPTED SINAI II AGREEMENT BUT CHANGED ITS POSITION AS RESULT "FOREIGN PRESSURE".

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2. COMMENT: MUBARAK'S REMARKS IN KHARTOUM (AND ALSO KUWAIT-REF B)

REPRESENT SHARPEST PUBLIC GOE REMINDER TO SARG SINCE OCTOBER WAR THAT EGYPT WILL MAKE ITS OWN DECISION ON WAR AND PEACE. NORMALLY, GOE SPOKESMEN TAKE MORE POSITIVE TACK, EVEN WHEN THEY SCOLD. SADAT AND FAHMY, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE SAID PUBLICLY IN PAST THAT EGYPT WILL SUPPORT SYRIA IF ISRAEL ATTACKS, BUT THEY HAVE UP TO NOW ONLY IMPLIED THAT EGYPTIAN REACTION WOULD NOT BE AUTOMATIC IF DAMASCUS SHOOTS FIRST.

3. ALTHOUGH MUBARAK'S REMARKS COULD PROVIDE HANDY FUEL FOR DAMASCUS CHARGE THAT SINAI II HAS REMOVED EGYPT FROM LIST OF "SISTERLY" ARAB COUNTRIES, THEY SHOULD ALSO BE READ IN CONTEXT OF APPARENT SUSPENSION OF PREVIOUS JOINT EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN COMMAND. ALREADY DORMANT FOR SOME TIME, SADAT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT SYRIANS HAD NEVER AGREED TO DESIGNATION OF A SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE FIELD MARSHAL ISMAIL ALI AS CINC. FINALLY, THEY ARE A WARNING TO SYRIANS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE EGYPTIAN GAINS UNDER SINAI II BY SOME DELIBERATE EFFORT TO HEIGHTEN TENSIONS BY ENGAGING IN MILITARY ACTION IN EXPECTATION EGYPT WILL BE FORCED TO COME TO THEIR SUPPORT. EGYPTIANS KNOW OF US WILLINGNESS TO TRY TO ACHIEVE A SECOND GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IF PARTIES WISH, AND ARE DEEPLY RESENTFUL OF NEGATIVE SYRIAN ATTITUDE COMPLETED WITH SYRIAN DENUNCIATION OF WHAT EGYPT HAS DONE. EILTS

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